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1. DR. RUNE LONNGREN, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BOARD (SNV), CALLED SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE TODAY TO STATE THAT (A) THE SWEDISH ORGANIZERS OF THE TOXIC CHEMICALS CONFERENCE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF SPACE FOR ALL THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND; (B) CONSEQUENTLY THEY HAVE ADOPTED STRICT POLICY OF ONLY TWO OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVES PER COUNTRY; (C) THEY WOULD FURNISH ADDITIONAL CHAIRS BEHIND THE TABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO ACCOMPANY THE TWO OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES. LONNGREN ADDED THAT HE HAD ALREADY TURNED DOWN FRENCH, FRG AND JAPANESE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SLOT, AND SIMPLY COULD NOT MAKE SUCH A CONCESSION FOR US ALONE.

2. COMMENT. IN VIEW SWEDISH TURNDOWN OF THREE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO PRESS FURTHER FOR AN EXTRA OFFICIAL SLOT. SINCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MINK WILL NOT BE ABLE
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TO ATTEND ENTIRE MEETING, PERHAPS STATE AND EPA CAN AGREE ON AN AMICABLE DIVISION OF THE TWO SLOTS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SWEDES WILL SEAT THE THIRD PERSON BEHIND THE TWO OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES. POSSIBLY WE COULD ASK THE SWEDES FOR A ROTATING MEMBERSHIP WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MINK AN OFFICIAL DELEGATE DURING HER ONE DAY IN STOCKHOLM AND SOEMEONE

ELSE TAKING HER PLACE WHEN SHE IS NOT, WITH THE OTHERS SEATED
BEHIND THE TABLE.
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